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OF

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FOR THE

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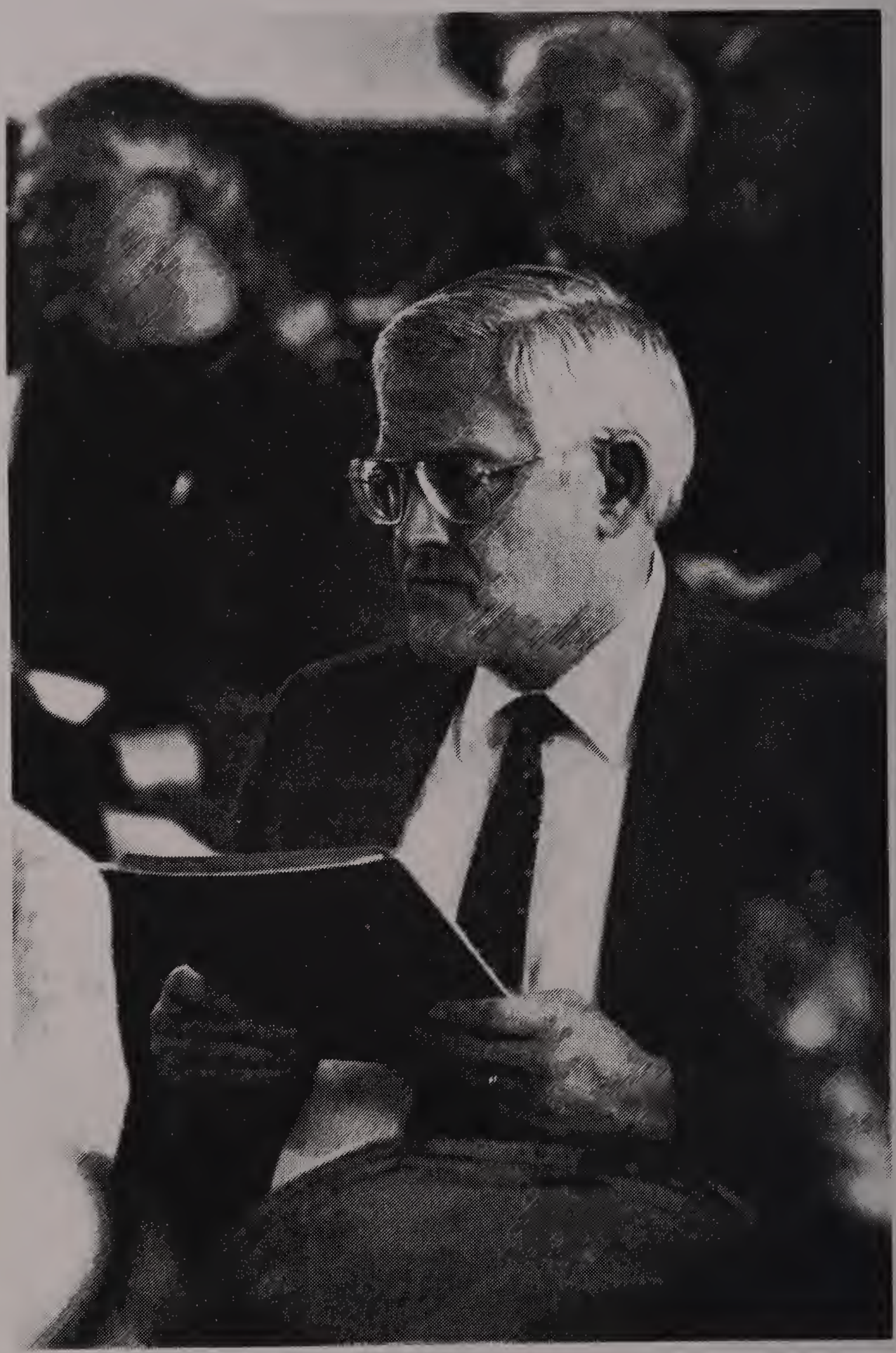
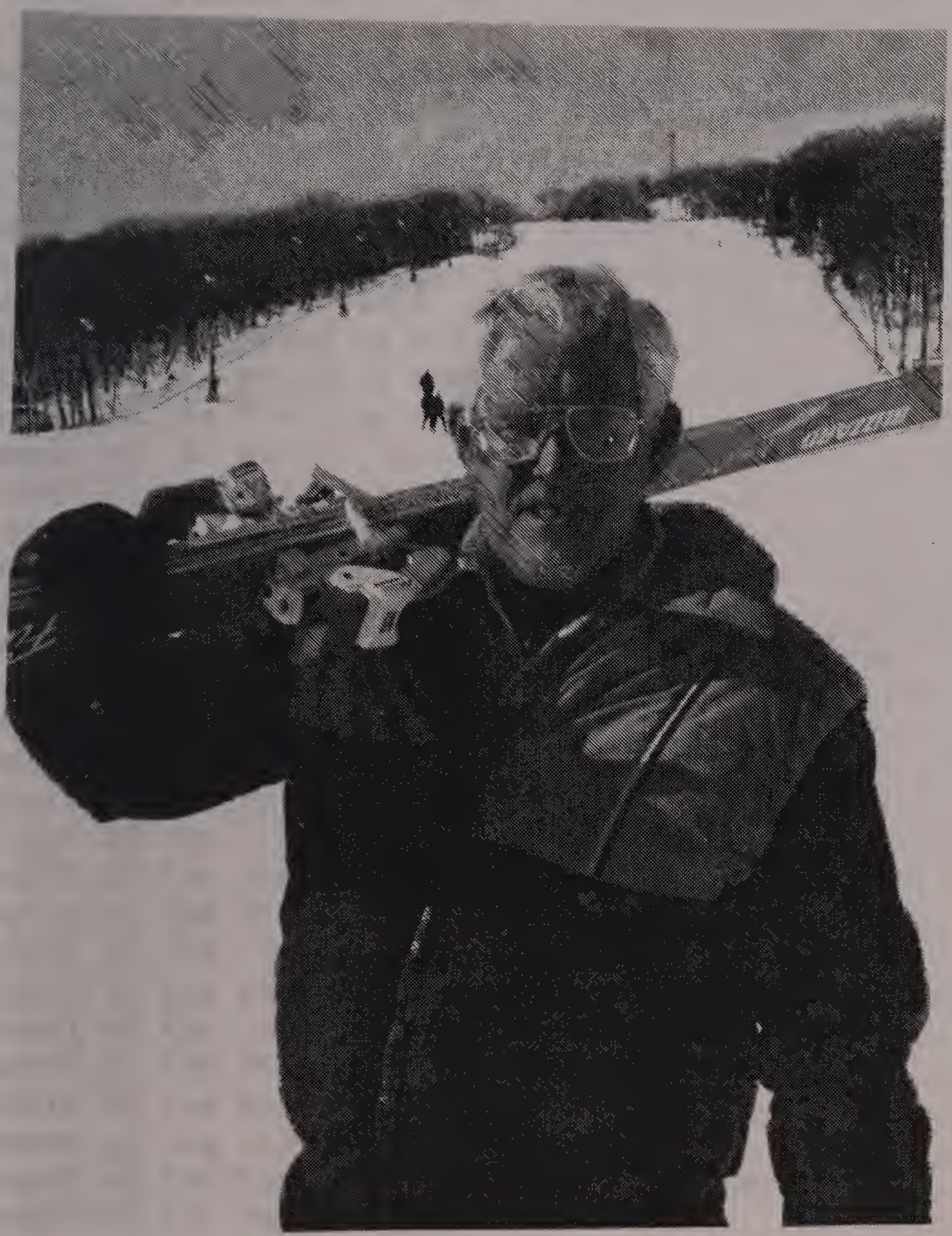


RICHARD E. DRAGON AT OUR TOWN MEETING IN 1991

The residents of Westhampton would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Dragon for all that he has done for our town while he was Superintendent of Schools.



RICHARD E. DRAGON ON THE SLOPES IN 1994

We join the School Committees of Westhampton and the Hampshire Regional High School in wishing him a happy and eventful retirement - skiing included!

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1994 was another very active year for our Town and the Board would like to thank everyone who has donated their time and energy to the many committees and projects this year. Westhampton, being small, but with talented, dedicated residents, could not survive without volunteer help.

As of January 1, 1994, the Board consisted of Diane Kwolek, Chairman, David K. Bridgman, and Benjamin Coggins.

This year was a record breaking one for the number of storms and amount of snow we received and on the 24th of January we voted to declare a snow removal emergency under M.G.L. Chapter 44:31d. We received $2709. from the State and also received a $100 donation from Commonwealth Registry of Nurses for use by the Highway Department in recognition of dealing with the rash of winter storms. We wish to express our thanks and deepest gratitude to our Highway Department. Under the leadership of Richard W. Tracy, Superintendent, David Blakesley and Jim Omasta, outstanding work was done in keeping up with the multitude of snowstorms, plowing and sanding roads in order that everyone could continue their daily routine without further hardship.

Last August we applied for a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development for a handicapped accessibility project for the Town Hall in order to comply with the American Disabilities Act. This year we received the grant and a new chair lift to the stage, new doors and hardware were installed. We would like to thank the staff at the Hilltown Community Development

Corporation for all their help. Dole Brothers was the low bidder for the project. We would also like to thank Tim Daley of Northwest Road for overseeing the construction work.

At last year's Town Meeting, it was voted to establish a Task Force to study the Landfill closure. We appointed David Brown, Sheila Marks, and Richard Tillson to this committee along with Board of Health members John Sackrey, Barbara Fuller and Phil Dowling, Selectman Ben Coggins, Phoebe Mitchell of the Conservation Commission, Laurie Devine and Eric Weiss of H.R.M.C. This committee did an excellent job on their study and reported to the Selectmen and the all Boards Meeting in September 1994. A copy of their report is available from the Board of Health.

After a long and hard process, the Center School was sold to John Zimmerman and Jean Sheeley of Pittsfield, with a closing date of May 26, 1994.

In June, the Board of Selectmen reorganized with David K. Bridgman as Chairman, Diane Kwolek as Clerk and Benjamin Coggins as the third member.

EMT Lee Douchkoff received a special award for having devoted more than 15 years of emergency medical service to the Town, for which the Board thanks him for his dedicated work. We welcome three new EMTs this year: Deborah Morin, John Shaw and Mike Derouin.

This year our Police Department received a donation form the Police Department of Northampton of a rear safety seat for prisoners, which is valued at $600. New members of the police force this year are William Kaleta, Christopher Bruneau and Mike Malouin.

Under our Worker Compensation policy with MIIA, we received dividends in the amount of $984 for Fiscal Year 93-94 and $2822 for 94-95.

Richard W. Tracy, our Highway Superintendent, serves as a transportation coordinator for the Pioneer Valley Planning Committee and has worked hard in that capacity for the Town and testifying on the Transportation Bond Issue.

The following resignations were accepted with regret:

Phil Dowling	Zoning Board of Appeals
James Bridgman	Historical Commission

The following appointments were made:

Jim Prickett	Planning Board
Francis Loud	Emergency Management Director
Walter Brown	Conservation Commission
Bob Turner	Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Stephen Holt for the excellent work he has done on the Town Common and to Steve Brooks for repairing the lights at the Town Hall.

The year the Westhampton Water Company has given the Town approximately 200 acres of land and in September the townspeople voted to accept it. The recording of the deed and the final arrangements for the closing have not been completed yet, but we hope to have it finished in the near future. In the Spring, we plan to erect a plaque by the reservoir, stating it was donated by the Water Company and the dates the Water Company was in existence.

For our Highway Department, the voters of the Town purchased a new loader/backhoe and a snowplow, both needed pieces of equipment. The Selectmen

signed a Transportation Bond Issue for $307,819 for a two year period.

A bid submitted by Baskins of Chicopee for a used cab and chassis for the Fire Department was accepted, as well as a bid from Walker Stainless of New Lisbon, Wisconsin for a 3000 gallon used milk tank for that truck. This piece of equipment will be a great asset to the Department and to the residents of Westhampton.

We received notice that our Building Inspector, Myron Pietraszkiewicz, has been upgraded to Inspector of Buildings/Building Commissioner by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Building Regulations and Standards. Good work Myron!

We would like to thank William and Dorothy Ducharme for donating gravel to the Town for use on the Tob Road project.

The Board of Selectmen welcomes townspeople to their Monday evening meetings. This is your Town and, with your help, the Board will continue to strive to work for a better Westhampton.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Bridgman
Diane Kwolek
Benjamin Coggins
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

As your Commissioner, I served on the following standing committees: Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee; Regional Services Municipal Advisory Committee and the County Road Viewing and Hearing Sub-Committee.

Under the Regional Services Committee, our charge is to develop effective services to meet problems which cross city or town boundaries and which cannot be met effectively on an individual basis by our local municipalities. This year our County Cooperative Purchasing Program, under the outstanding leadership of Anne Moran and her staff, continues to serve the residents of Hampshire County through formal bidding efforts on behalf of nine county departments, nineteen municipalities, eleven school districts and fifty-three human service agencies. Now in its fifteenth year of operation, membership also includes fourteen other school districts located throughout the Franklin, Hampden and Berkshire County region. This year the Purchasing Department administered cooperative bids for goods and service in the amount of $6.3M with a projected savings of 2.1M. The Co-op operates on the principle that buying in bulk generates additional savings over lone bidding efforts while eliminating duplication of administrative work to comply with State procurement laws. A "fee for savings" generated $31,056.00 toward offsetting expenses of $101,300.00. The Town of Westhampton bought $102,367 worth of goods through the County Cooperative and Hampshire Regional School and Westhampton Elementary School bought $72,143 worth.

Believing that providing regional services to the municipalities was a primary goal of the County Charter, Commissioners established a Regional Services position and a part-time assistant and hired Geoff Rogers in October 1993. The first major project was to develop a Surplus Property Program to bring surplus from closing military bases back to Hampshire County municipalities. Towns developed "wish lists" and Geoff obtained a Federal Screening Card and by April the first trucks were delivered. Four dump trucks, a vacuum sweeper truck, two pickups, a tanker truck, filing cabinets, grinders, drill presses, compressor and air conditioners are among property delivered.

The Regional Services Coordinator worked on improving communications with municipalities by personal visits to ten towns this year and with a bi-monthly newsletter to all municipal officials in Hampshire County. The Department completed and distributed a wage and salary survey for Hampshire municipalities. He also wrote three successful grant applications: $2000 for highway safety equipment for Goshen; $10,000 for emergency planning for the Hampshire Fire Defense Association; and $10,000 for a computer utilization and capital planning grant for all twenty communities.

In Mid-May, the Registry of Deeds went on line with a new computer system - DEC's ALPHA 800, with all new hardware, software and imaging system. All records in the old system were converted (from September 26, 1986) to the new system and all documents recorded after May 16, 1994 will be scanned in the imaging system. Lawyers, realtors and assessors offices will be linked into the Registry's database, via modems, which will allow access to Registry records 24 hour a day, 7 days a week. Register Marianne Donahue and her staff are to be commended for the extraordinary amount of work which brought this system on line without a

"glitch" or being closed to the public even one day.

The Jail and House of Correction continues to move closer to being State operated following last year's instruction from the Administration's Department of Revenue to remove correction budgets from the County General Fund. this year the County was notified by the Department of Revenue that all correction funds were appropriated at the state level and that no further appropriation was necessary at the County level. The Commissioners continue to have a statutory obligation for oversight and conducted two inspections of the Jail and House of Corrections this year.

Hampshire County is fortunate to have a Sheriff and staff committed to excellence, as evidenced in the inspections and in two awards honoring the Department this year - reaccreditation from the American Correctional Association, as well as Sheriff Garvey receiving the highest award given by the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association: the Edward F. Henneberry Award given in memory of the late Sheriff of Middlesex County, for unselfish service in the field of corrections. The facility meets 100% of the criteria in the ACA inspection, one of only 2% of correctional facilities nation-wide to do so.

The County Commissioners are always open to new ideas and suggestions and I am available to anyone needing assistance provided by the County.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Bridgman
Commissioner

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Balance July 1, 1993		$245426.10
Receipts		2741174.94
Disbursements		-2808009.41
Balance June 30, 1994		178591.63
Bay Bank Checking		210.79
Bay Bank Capital		54233.49
Fleet Checking		1651.29
Fleet Money Market		38870.36
Fleet Collector		41395.24
Fleet Deputy Collector		1529.53
MMDT		1112.78
Shawmut		39588.15
	Total	$178591.63

TRUST FUNDS - MMDT

Charity		$ 3415.56
Cemetery		3737.44
Veterans		1142.76
	Total	$ 8295.76

Stabilization Fund		
Balance July 1, 1993		$72141.02
Receipts		1638.04
Disbursements		-26907.68
	Total	$46871.38

Total All Funds	$233758.77

Interest earned - $17060.80

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Ending June 30, 1994

1987 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		47.81		
Collected		-17.81		
Due				30.00
1988 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		615.32		
Collected	-	142.50		
Due				472.82
1989 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		656.06		
Collected	-	129.79		
Due				526.27
1990 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		868.03		
Abated	-	18.75		
Collected	-	77.71		
Due				771.57
1991 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		443.65		
Collected	-	16.25		
Due				427.40
1992 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		1048.55		
Commitment	+	281.67		
Abated	-	27.50		
Refunded			6.04	
Collected	-	516.36		
Due				786.36
1993 Motor Vehicle				
Due 7/1/93		6065.87		
Commitment	+	7149.32		
Commitment	+	4754.44		
Commitment	+	1024.59		
Commitment	+	146.15		
Abated	-	379.90		
Refunded			551.22	
Collected	-	17502.95		
Due				1257.52

1994 Motor Vehicle			
Commitment	+ 50973.75		
Commitment	+ 41124.90		
Commitment	+ 1024.59		
Abated	- 795.00		
Refunded		171.87	
Collected	- 60198.43		
Due			4105.22
FY90 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/92	99.15		
Due			99.15
FY91 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/93	143.52		
Due			143.52
FY92 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/93	257.28		
Due			257.28
FY93 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/93	1912.40		
Collected	-1801.10		
Due			111.30
FY94 Personal Property			
Commitment	28648.81		
Overpayment	.01		
Abated	- 38.42		
Refunded		21.17	
Collected	-1801.10		
Due			1976.07
1993 Farm Animal			
Due 7/1/93	759.25		
Collected	-759.25		
Due			none
1994 Farm Animal			
Commitment	2263.40		
Collected	- 843.50		
Due			1419.90
FY91 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/93	89.70		
Tax Title	-89.70		
Due			none

FY92 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/92	7806.59		
Bankruptcy	-1612.19		
Collected	-6080.54		
Tax Title	- 83.20		
Due			30.66
FY 93 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/93	61472.28		
Bankruptcy	3259.20		
Tax title	-1876.99		
Collected	- 54828.80		
Due			1507.29
FY 94 Real Estate			
Commitment	1270991.94		
Commitment	128.58		
Commitment	217.04		
Overpayment	13.30		
Abated	-9186.18		
Refunded		1941.04	
Tax title	-1052.30		
Collected	-1209458.06		
Due			51654.32

Interest Collected.. $9506.02
Mark and Clear 340.00

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Ognibene
Tax Collector

I have examined the books of the Tax Collector and, to the best of my knowledge, find them to be accurate.

Evelyn Blakesley
Charlotte R. Wood
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTING OFFICER

July 1, 1993-June 30, 1994

Cash on Hand July 1, 1993		
General	245426.10	
Stabilization	72141.02	
Trust Funds	8260.56	
		325827.68

RECEIPTS

Taxes		
Property	1298804.21	
Farm Animal Excise	1602.75	
In Lieu of Taxes	7714.56	
Motor Vehicle Excise	78606.80	
Tax Title	1048.74	1387777.06
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Local Aid/Lottery	58296.00	
Highway Fund	36663.00	
Snow Aid	5209.00	
Chapter 70 Schools	62560.00	
Chapter 71 Transportation	16490.00	
SBAB Reimbursement	253913.00	
Veterans benefits	350.00	
Loss of Taxes	5245.00	438726.00
Grants & Gifts		
Dog Refund	209.97	
Council Aging Federal	950.00	
Council Aging State	600.00	
Arts Lottery	2000.00	
Cemetery Gift	365.00	

Highway Gift	100.00	
Library Gift	101.35	
Library Aid	1716.45	
Water Gift	1325.00	7367.77
General Government		
Licenses	577.00	
Plumbing Fees	835.00	
Electrical Fees	1617.00	
Sanitation Fees	120.00	
Building Permits	5699.20	
Assessors	938.83	
Planning Board	420.00	
Board of Appeals	342.00	
Mark & Clear	360.00	
Miscellaneous	3059.93	13968.96
Police		
Motor Vehicle Fines	2465.00	
Permits	898.00	
Miscellaneous	265.00	
Revolving Fund	1375.00	5003.00
Board of Health		
Licenses & Permits	325.00	
Perc Tests	1240.00	
Landfill Fees	22439.00	24004.00
Revolving Funds		
Dog Licenses	576.50	
Hazardous Materials	5520.61	
Fish & Game Fees	832.00	
Town Clerk Fees	525.15	
Tax Collector Fees	4419.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	634.00	12507.26
Schools		
Chapter 1	5417.00	

Preschool Revolving	32051.00	
Kindergarten Revolving	6784.08	
Tuition	3000.00	
School Lunch State	891.28	
School Lunch Federal	3814.26	
School Lunch Sales	16070.79	68028.41
Highway Department		
Trans. Bond Issue		86899.88
Sale of Center School		106000.00
Loans		
Temporary Loans		400000.00
Interest		
On Deposit	5587.74	
On Taxes	9575.72	
On Charity Funds	107.06	
On Cemetery Funds	117.04	
On Veterans Trust	35.20	
On Stabilization	1638.04	17060.80
Health Insurance Refund		3997.00
Agency		
Meals Tax	56.21	
Payroll Deductions	171451.83	171508.04
	Total Receipts	2742848.18

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Counsel Fees

Appropriation	3000.00
Expenditures	3000.00

Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Moderator

Appropriation		150.00
Expenditures		150.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Selectmen Salary

Appropriation		3200.00
Expenditures		3200.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Selectmen Expense

Appropriation		3000.00
Expenditures		
Travel	633.00	
Dues	491.00	
Town Report	634.00	
Advertising	289.91	
Copier contract	288.75	
Supplies	497.83	
Postage	145.00	
		2979.49
Balance closed to revenue		20.51

Selectmen Secretary

Appropriation		2500.00
Expenditures		2500.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Auditor Salary		
Appropriation		90.00
Expenditures		90.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Accounting Officer Salary		
Appropriation		5000.00
Expenditures		5000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Accounting Officer Expense		
Appropriation		630.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	250.00	
Supplies	153.00	
Dues	35.00	
Travel	192.00	
		630.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Assessors Salary		
Appropriation		3200.00
Expenditures		3200.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Assessors Expense		
Appropriation	5905.00	
Encumbered	350.00	
		6255.00

Expenditures		
Dues	80.00	
Registry tranfers	58.50	
Updating assistance	500.00	
Supplies	881.56	1520.06
Balance forward to Fiscal 95		2600.00
Balance closed to revenue		2134.94

Assessors Secretary

Appropriation		905.00
Expenditures		905.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Treasurer Salary

Appropriation		5000.00
Expenditures		5000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Treasurer Expense

Appropriation	2110.00	
Transfer from Reserve	500.00	2610.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	250.00	
Bank charges	975.52	
Bond fee	600.00	
Borrowing fees	40.00	
Dues	35.00	
Travel	105.00	
Supplies	604.48	2610.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Tax Collector Salary

Appropriation		1650.00
Expenditures		1650.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Tax Collector Expense

Appropriation		1400.00
Expenditures		
Telephone	221.29	
Supplies	995.46	
Advertising	118.39	
Dues	35.00	1370.14
Balance closed to revenue		29.86

Town Clerk Salary

Appropriation		1650.00
Expenditures		1650.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Town Clerk Expense

Appropriation		1730.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	100.00	
Election officers	148.16	
Census	275.00	
Supplies	413.39	
Dues	15.00	951.55
Balance closed to revenue		778.45

Clerk Board of Registrars

Appropriation		60.00
Expenditures		60.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Conservation Commission

Appropriation		1000.00
Expenditures		
Supplies	28.29	
Dues	75.00	103.29
Balance closed to Conservation Fund		896.71

Planning Board Expense

Appropriation		300.00
Expenditures		10.00
Balance closed to revenue		290.00

HIGHWAYS

Highway Administration

Appropriation	1925.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	525.00	2450.00
Expenditures		
Uniforms	944.22	
Telephone	753.82	
Supplies	157.38	
Fees	485.76	
Dues & travel	105.00	2446.18
Balance closed to revenue		3.82

Highway Salaries

Appropriation	72000.00

Transfer from Unemployment	300.00	
Transfer from Reserve	125.00	72425.00
Expenditures		72398.00
Balance closed to revenue		27.00

Holiday Pay

Appropriation		1916.00
Expenditures		1915.76
Balance closed to revenue		0.24

Vacation Pay

Appropriation		1332.00
Expenditures		1332.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Bridges & Railings

Appropriation		500.00
Expenditures		500.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Highway Materials

Appropriation		36000.00
Expenditures		
Catch basin cleaning	11508.66	
Other hired equipment	5937.61	
Supplies/materials	18485.26	35931.53
Balance closed to revenue		68.47

Road Machinery		
Appropriation		16000.00
Expenditures		
Repairs	3898.92	
Parts/supplies	12086.75	
		15985.67
Balance closed to revenue		14.33
Road Machinery Fuel		
Appropriation		8750.00
Expenditures		8208.52
Balance closed to revenue		541.48
Snow Removal		
Deficit balance forward	-20647.93	
Appropriation for deficit	20647.93	
Appropriation	24000.00	
Snow Emergency Aid	2709.00	26709.00
Expenditures		
Overtime	7409.54	
Winter sand	17500.37	
Salt	20937.98	
Supplies/repairs	12568.19	58416.08
Deficit balance forward		-31707.08
Sander		
Appropriation from Stabilization		6000.00
Sander		5820.00
Balance closed to Stabilization		180.00

Road Machinery Buildings

Appropriation		2800.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	601.37	
Fuel	2029.93	
Supplies/service	155.00	
		2786.30
Balance closed to revenue		13.70

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Hampshire Regional High School

Appropriation	400000.00	
Summer pay	3649.00	
Budget reduction	-14886.00	388763.00
Assessment		388762.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00

Vocational

Appropriation	89093.00	
Budget reduction	-12000.00	77093.00
Expenditures		
Tuition	61085.12	
Transportation	14612.40	
Other expenses	1395.48	77093.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Elementary School

Appropriation	522493.00	
Encumbered	905.52	523398.52
Expenditures		
See Elementary report		522465.76

Encumbered to F 1994		932.76
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

School Committee Salary

Appropriation		480.00
Salary		480.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Library

Appropriation	10844.75	
Dog Refund	559.25	
State Aid to Libraries	1839.71	13243.71
Expenditures		
Salary	9727.15	
Dues & travel	15.00	
Utilities & lawns	804.59	
Books and supplies	2696.97	13243.71
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

VETERANS

Veterans

Appropriation	70.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	500.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	1500.00	2070.00
Benefits	1956.00	
Supplies	31.90	
Dues	50.00	2037.90
Balance closed to revenue		32.10

Veterans Agent Salary

Appropriation		550.00
Expenditure		550.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures		66.64
Balance closed to revenue		33.36

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Salary

Appropriation		1600.00
Expenditure		1600.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTIES

Police Chief

Appropriation		825.00
Expenditure		825.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Police Department

Appropriation	17000.00	
Encumbered from F1992	2969.03	
HazMat reimbursement	30.00	19999.03
Expenditures		
Salary	8561.25	
Mileage	82.26	
Dues/travel	565.00	

Utilities	484.59	
WMLEC	125.00	
Dispatch agreement	4625.00	
Equipment/supplies	4172.50	
Repairs/maintenance	1208.67	19824.27
Balance encumbered to F1995		174.76
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Constable

Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Appropriation		825.00
Expenditure		825.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Fire Department

Appropriation	7000.00	
Transfer from Ins. Reimb.	3500.00	
Transfer from Ins. & Bonds	1755.00	
HazMat Reimbursement	404.69	12659.69
Expenditures		
Amherst dispatch	900.00	
Southampton ambulance	2500.00	
Hazardous fund	186.00	
Repairs	1150.25	
Training	175.00	
Supplies/equipment	6409.33	11320.58
Balnce forward to F1995		1255.00
Balance closed to revenue		84.11

Fire Vaccine		
Balance forward from F1993	415.40	
Appropriation	300.00	715.40
Expenditure		481.60
Balance closed to Revenue		233.80
Inspector Salary		
Appropriation		4700.00
Expenditures		
Building Inspector	3000.00	
Plumbing Inspector	435.00	
Sanitation Inspector	150.00	
Wiring Inspector	810.00	4395.00
Enucmbered to F1995		90.00
Balance closed to revenue		215.00
Civil Defense		
Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00
Dog Officer		
Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00
Dutch Elm Disease		
Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00
Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative		
Appropriation		4512.00

Assessment		4511.80
Balance closed to revenue		0.20

Board of Health Salary

Appropriation		900.00
Expenditures		900.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Board of Health

Appropriation	23930.00	
Encumbered from F1993	240.00	
Budget reduction	-7930.00	16240.00
Expenditures		
Salary	6159.02	
Landfill contract	1800.00	
Testing	30.00	
Oil removal	603.00	
Tire removal	550.50	
Recyclable removal	2250.00	
Hazardous waste prog.	500.00	
Supplies/misc	1279.39	13171.91
Balance closed to revenue		3068.09

Landfill Capping

Balance forward from F1993		10000.00
Expenditures		2198.50
Balcne forward to F1995		7801.50

DEBT & INTEREST

Interest on Short-term Loans

Appropriation	2500.00

Transfer from Unemploy.	2000.00	4500.00
Interest		4136.77
Balance closed to revenue		363.23

Interest on Long-term Loans

Balance forward from F1993	5500.00	
Appropriation	230840.00	236340.00
Interest		236340.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

School Loan

Balance forward from F1993	20000.00	
Appropriation	195000.00	215000.00
Principle payment		215000.00
Carried forward to F1994		0.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance & Bonds

Balance forward from F1993	1156.00	
Appropriation	44000.00	
Budget reduction	-8000.00	
Transfer to Fire Dept.	-1755.00	35401.00
Appropriation		
Workmen's Comp	7414.00	
Property & Casualty	16210.00	
Public/Police Liaiblity	5577.00	
Fire Disability	2034.00	
Bonds	563.00	31798.00
Balance closed to revenue		3603.00

	Town Offices	
Appropriation	9000.00	
Transfer from Stabilization	3860.00	12860.00
Expenditures		
Salary	660.00	
Electricity	2317.77	
Telephone	681.07	
Lawns	986.00	
Fuel	1270.50	
Water testing	45.00	
Repairs & Improvements	3161.82	
Supplies	563.48	9685.64
Balance closed to Stab.		3174.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.36
	Wells	
Balance forward from F1993	3045.68	
Transfer from Reserve	1325.00	4370.68
Expenditures		
Supplies/legal		4368.56
Balance closed to Revenue		2.12
	Council on Aging	
Appropriation		815.00
Expenditures		815.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Historical	
Appropriation		200.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	131.71	
Lawns	66.00	197.71

Balance closed to revenue		2.29
	County Retirement	
Appropriation		20372.00
Assessment		20372.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Unemployment	
Appropriation		5200.00
Transfer to:		
Int. on Short Term Debt	2000.00	
Veterans	1500.00	
Highway Salaries	300.00	
Highway Admin.	525.00	4325.00
Balance closed to revenue		875.00
	Group Insurance	
Appropriation	50000.00	
Transfer from Vocational	6000.00	56000.00
Expenditures		
Town's share		55017.89
Balance closed to revenue		982.11
	Medicare	
Appropriation		3500.00
Expenditure		3500.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Land Damage	
Appropriation		1.00

Balance closed to revenue		1.00
	Reserve Fund	
Appropriation		2500.00
Transfer to:		
Wells	1325.00	
Veterans	500.00	
Treasurer Expense	500.00	
Highway Salaries	125.00	2450.00
Balance closed to revenue		50.00
NON-APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES		
Tax Refunds		
Property Tax	1962.21	
Motor Vehicle Excise	729.13	2691.34
Payroll Deductions		
Health Insurance	18399.43	
Life Insurance	119.21	
State & Federal Taxes	79955.44	
Medicare & Soc. Security	4231.06	
Retirement	66410.74	169115.88
School Revolving Funds & Grants		
School Lunch	19570.35	
Meals Tax	56.21	
Chapter 1	5417.00	
4.00	30234.54	
Kindergarten	3261.10	58539.20
Special Revenue & Revolving Funds		
Highway	86899.88	
Arts Lottery	1137.30	
Council on Aging-State	600.00	
Council on Aging-Federal	769.72	

Dog Care & Kill	32.00	
Library Gift	101.35	
Town Water Gift	2825.00	
Cemetery Gift	360.00	
Cemetery Trust Interest	250.00	
Dog Licenses	576.50	
HazMat Reimbursement	5085.92	
Police Revolving	1375.00	
Tax Collector Fees	4164.00	
Deputy Fees	580.00	
Town Clerk Fees	344.14	
Fish & Wildlife Fees	832.00	105932.81
Loans		
Temporary Loans		600000.00
State & County Assessments		
Hampshire County Tax	3961.00	
RMV Non-renewal	160.00	
Air Pollution	291.00	
Energy Grant	373.00	
FRIA	350.00	
STRAP Repayment	5000.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	199.05	10334.05
Total Expenditures		2834917.09
Cash on Hand June 30, 1994		
General	178591.63	
Stabilization	46871.38	
Trust Funds	8295.76	233758.77

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Accounting Officer

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1994

Cash	178591.63	Accounts Receivable	
		Dog Care & Kill	28.0
Taxes			
Levy of 1994		Agency	
Real Estate	51654.32	Health Insurance	3685.
Personal Property	1976.07	Life Insurance	55.
Levy of 1993		Federal Tax	15.
Real Estate	1507.29	State Tax	16.
Personal Property	111.30	Medicare	5.
Levy of 1992		County Retirement	65.
Real Estate	30.66		
Personal Property	257.28	Grants & Gifts	
Levy of 1991		Highway Gift	100.0
Personal Property	143.52	DARE	37.
Levy of 1990		Council on Aging Federal	483.
Personal Property	99.15	Arts Lottery	3043.
		Cemetery Gift	5.0
Farm Animal Excise	1419.90	Ins. Reimbursement	4704.0
		State Aid to Library	1716.4
Motor Vehicle Excise		Cultural Council	129.0
Levy of 1994	4105.22	School Imp. Council	15.4
1993	1257.52		
1992	786.36	Revolving Funds	
1991	427.40	Tax Collector Fees	395.0
1990	771.57	Deputy Collector Fees	54.0
1989	526.27	Town Clerk Fees	181.0
1988	472.82	Pre-School	12933.9
1987	30.00	Kindergarten	5038.3
		School Lunch	1562.1
Tax Titles & Possessions			
Tax Titles	7626.66	Interest on Trusts	
Tax in Litigation	4871.39	Street & Wright	272.9
		Thayer	967.
Loans Authorized	962.00	Cemetery	26.
Under estimates		Receipts Res. for Approp.	
RMV Non-renewal surcharge	160.00	Conservation Commission	954.4
		County Dog Refund	209.9
		Sale of Town Property	106000.0
Appropriation Balances		Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
Snow Removal	31707.08	Tax Title Revenue	2626.6
		Motor Vehicle Excise	8377.
		Farm Excise	1419.9

		Loans Authorized & Unissued	962.00
		Overlays Reserved for Abatement	
		1990	99.15
		1991	234.49
		1993	317.38
		1994	1176.49
		Surplus Revenue	103324.69
		Appropriation Balances	
		Assessors Expense	2600.00
		Elementary School	932.76
		Fire Department	1255.00
		Police Department	174.76
		Inspector Salary	90.00
		Landfill Capping	7801.50
	284495.41		284495.41

BALANCE SHEET - TRUST, INVESTMENT AND DEBT

Trust & Investment Funds

Cash	55167.14	Street & Wright Fund	2400.54
		Thayer Fund	1015.01
		Cemetery	3737.45
		Stabilization	46871.38
		Veterans	1142.76
	55167.14		55167.14

Debt Accounts

Funded or Fixed Debt		Serial Loans	
Inside Debt Limit	3015000.00	School	3015000.00
	3015000.00		3015000.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

In June. Luanne Clark turned over her keys and office, but not her "Town Clark" designation to incoming clerk, Karla Stefansson. My thanks to all your help and support, Luanne.

Again, the Registry of Vital Statistics has reminded us not to record the names and birthdates of children in an attempt to comply with a State law prohibiting the release of information regarding children under the age of four. In keeping with the intent of this law, the names of those who were married and those who died this year will also be omitted.

8 BIRTHS

5 MARRIAGES

5 DEATHS

DOG LICENSES issued in 1994:

70	Males	at $ 3.00	210.00
77	Spayed Females	at $ 3.00	231.00
7	Females	at $ 6.00	4.00
1	Kennel	at $10.00	50.00
2	Kennels	at $25.00	50.00
2	Kennels	at $50.00	100.00
			$643.00
Town Fees collected from sale of dog licenses			$119.25

Fish and Wildlife Stamps and Licenses issued for 1994:

47 Stamps	$236.20
10 Fishing Licenses	112.50

33	Hunting and Sporting Licenses	431.75
		$780.95
Town Fees collected from Fish & Wildlife		$ 19.95
	Town Clerk Fees	$461.00
	Town Fees	322.50
		783.50

1387	POPULATION (1994 Census)
846	REGISTERED VOTERS
110	Democrats
98	Republicans
638	Unenrolled

Respectfully submitted,

Karla E. Stefansson
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 1994 the Board of Assessors issued 93 abatements: 36 Real Estate and Personal Property and 58 Motor Vehicle; visited 90 properties undergoing construction or remodeling; recorded 63 property transfers; and approved the placing of 8 additional parcels under the protection of Chapters 61, 61A and 61B.

The town underwent its three year revaluation and the town value for FY95 is $108,247,600: Real Estate - $84,512,900; Personal Property - $1,819,300; and Exempt - $23,734,700.

The Tax Rate was set in January of 1995 at

$15.90 per $1000.00 of evaluation.

The Board of Assessors meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall. Please feel free to come up or call us at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Nevins, Jr.
Priscilla A. Miller
John F. Shaw, Jr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board conducted the following hearings in 1994:

Case # 95
Petition of Bruce H. Geisler, seeking a Special Permit to construct a two-family dwelling on Lot # 6, Parcel #4, Laurel Hill Road. Petition granted.

Case # 96
Petition of William F. and Frances M. Thompson, 76 Main Road, seeking a Variance to construct a carport with less than the required setback from property line. Petition granted.

Case #97
Petition of Robert and Cindy Turner, 171 Main Road, seeking a Variance to demolish the existing house, garage and barn and build a new single family house on non-conforming lot. Petition granted.

Case #98
Fire Department, Town of Westhampton, Stage Road, seeking a Variance to construct an addition to the existing firehouse to house new fire truck. Petition granted.

Case #99
David and Anna Loven, 230 Reservoir Road, seeking a Special Permit to convert the single family dwelling now under construction to a two-family dwelling. Petition granted.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shaw, Chairman
Marilyn Cervelli, Clerk
Nancy Bouthilette
Peter Ignatovich
Steve Malinowski
Peter Montague

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

This year the Board reviewed and signed off on approximately 17 plot plans, (roughly 30 buildable lots), and 12 building permit applications. Much of our time was spent working on the new Zoning Bylaws and obtaining edited versions from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The Board is presently putting the finishing touches on the final version of the new Bylaws and hopes to present them to the Town this spring.

No subdivision plans were submitted.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30p.m. However, the Board has been meeting on a more frequent basis in order to work on the new Bylaws. Check with the Town Clerk or local newspaper to see when the next meeting is scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Coffey
Mark Schwallie
Steven Malinowski
James Prickett
William Kalmakis

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Dairy -	Cows	262
	Heifers	77
	Calves	84
	Bulls	1
	Steers	2
Beef -	Heifers	4
	Calves	2
	Steers	2
	Bulls	1
Oxen		1
Horses		98
Ponies		8
Donkeys		4
Goats		17
Sheep		22
Swine		7
Poultry		159
Ducks & Geese		95
Rabbits		10
Emu		4

This has been a busy year for dealing with rabies cases. To date there have been 3 raccoons testing positive for rabies. Unfortunately, two of these cases led to four improperly vaccinated dogs being exposed and later destroyed. Five other raccoons were destroyed for displaying very

suspicious behavior. I expect there were others destroyed that I wasn't informed of. Also there were six quarantine orders issued for possible exposure to rabies.

Rabies will not be going away. The importance of proper vaccinations cannot be stressed enough. By law, all dogs and cats must be vaccinated and all livestock should be as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard I. Tracy
Animal Health Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board accepts, with regret, member Barbara Fuller's decision not to run for re-election this year. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the Board of Health for the past three years.

The Board of Health continues to meet every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

This year has been quite busy with the landfill taking up much of our time. Over 320 Westhampton households and businesses bought $25.00 disposal permits for the landfill this past year.

Thanks again to Roscoe Hurd and Arnold Holt for their continued diligence to the operations of the landfill.

The use of stickers that are applied by users

to their own bags seems to be working relatively well. The cost of the stickers is much less than the bags were, but monitoring what's coming in is much harder for the attendant.

As many residents know, the Westhampton landfill is one of approximately 100, active, unlined landfills in the state. Being an unlined landfill means that we are a higher risk as a potential groundwater polluter. The state would like to see risky landfills, such as ours, closed as soon as possible. The closure process was begun last year by filing an Initial Site Assessment of the landfill with the state DEP. This year we have been testing the chemistry of the water in each of the five monitoring wells that encircle the landfill. We have completed three full rounds of testing at this point.

In order to deal with the extra work and responsibility involved with closing the landfill, the Board of Health initiated the formation of a Solid Waste Task Force that was appointed by the Selectboard. The task force met monthly through the summer and fall and presented a report to the Selectboard outlining findings and recommendations. The Board of Health would like to thank Laurie Devine, David Brown, Sheila Marks, Phoebe Mitchell, Ben Coggins, and Dick Tillson for their help and interest in this project.

The Board would like to thank Laurie Devine for helping us to organize our files .

Several programs and clinics have been sponsored by the Board in the past year:

- The HRMC organized a paint swap at the landfill.
- A rabies clinic was held in May. Dr. Hayden vaccinated 21 animals.
- Five families were able to participate in the annual hazardous waste collection program that was

set up with the other hilltowns and the HRMC.

Percolation tests were held as usual in April and May. Twenty tests were witnessed by the Board.

Thirty new septic designs were permitted.

Perc extensions were given to seven.

Eleven installers permits were granted.

Twelve water analysis reports were submitted and approved.

Three general licenses were given.

Two positive rabies cases.

The Board acted on several complaints:
- Illegal dumping on North Road.
- Illegal dumping on Southampton Road.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Sackrey, Chairman
Barbara Fuller
Phil Dowling

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipal organization made up and funded by eleven communities - Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg,

and Worthington in Western Massachusetts. These towns joined forces through an intermunicipal agreement in 1989 to cooperatively deal with their waste management problems. The HRMC, as part of its charter, is directed to create and implement a comprehensive waste management strategy for the region. Keeping costs under control during these times of tight budgets is an extraordinary challenge, the HRMC realizes that waste prevention through regional cooperative outreach and technical assistance programs is the most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level. The four main goals of the HRMC are to:

1. Assist the towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs.
2. Keep abreast of changing state and federal regulations on behalf of local boards which manage the towns' waste disposal and recycling programs
3. Perform aggressive and proactive education/outreach programs through the schools, town meetings, and regionally. Programs such as the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the compost bin distribution and general education to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues.
4. Advocate on behalf of the towns concerning waste management and recycling related issues when appropriate.

We each are responsible for generating over 2000 lbs. of trash and recyclables and 30 lbs. of Household Hazardous Waste each year. Educating residents on the proper handling of the waste/recycling stream, assisting Towns with waste stream and recyclables management and informing residents on wise environmental shopping choices are three important functions of the HRMC. It is the combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member towns through the Board members, volunteers and its administrator which allow the HRMC to accomplish its goals. To this end, the HRMC has dedicated 1/2

of its $54,316.02 budget to education and outreach efforts during this year and the remainder of its budget to other HRMC programs and technical assistance to local boards. Additionally, the HRMC has been awarded over $12,000 in Federal, State and private grant money over the past year to further assist us in our education, outreach and technical assistance efforts.

It is my pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC. I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. If you have any questions, feel free to call the HRMC at 268-3845. This is your cooperative effort, together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Administrator

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CARETAKER

1994 began following an unusual winter. There was a very short time between spring burials and the usual cleanup to the normal mowing and trimming.

Steve Holt did some grading and seeding in section II this year. The loam and rewash was donated by the Westhampton Sand & Gravel. The foundation is in for the large monument that L & S broke down last year and I am waiting on them to reset it.

The Cemetery Commission voted to have the large pine trees cut down in the north east corner of the cemetery after they were inspected by the Board of Directors. Bids were given and Pond Brook Tree Service was the low bidder. The trees

were removed late this past fall. Final cleanup and seeding will be done in the spring.

The condition of the roads in the cemetery was inspected by the Board of Directors. We are looking into sealing of the cracks and joints which are deteriorating.

We are also looking into repairing or rebuilding the door to the tomb. This should be completed sometime in 1995.

I would like to thank the highway department for their help off and on this year whenever I needed it.

This year there were:

8 burials
6 cremations
8 new lots
6 foundations

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Fisher
Cemetery Caretaker

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission continues to provide protection of Westhampton's water quality by administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Additionally, the Commission continues its efforts to make compliance with state regulations easier for our residents by refining administrative procedures.

Activities this year included conducting 12 site visits to determine the presence of wetlands

and methods for their protection. Two Notices of Intent were filed with the MA. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Forest cutting plans were reviewed and filed. One Commission member attended a training seminar regarding new regulations.

Filing fees collected totaled $40.

The Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Roy Van Driesche and welcomed new Member Walter Brown. Additional members included Bob LaPalme,Chairperson, Phoebe Mitchell, Amy Phinney and Larry Cervelli.

The following issues are expected to be of special concern to the Commission in the new year:

- revision of the Westhampton Open Space Plan
- closing of the Westhampton landfill
- recruitment of additional Commission members
- increasing volume of site visits and related activities

Respectfully submitted,

Robert La Palme, Chairman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1994 the Police Department continued to provide the residents of Westhampton with professional and expedient service. The continued presence of cruiser patrols has shown a proven effect on property crimes and accidents, as well as other areas. The Police Department continued to support the DARE program, in its fifth year, as well as other safety programs in the Elementary School. All Officers attended mandatory refresher training as well as monthly Association meetings.

Gun permit applications are taken on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm at the Police office.

I wish to thank the Police Officers for their unselfish dedication to the town and to the department. We will continue to serve the town to the best of our ability.

Police response calls for 1994:

Accidents	17	Vandalism	15
Fire/Ambulance assists	9	Missing Person	5
Arrests	8	Annoying calls	10
Assistance	7	Susp.car/person	17
Housebreaks	3	Trespass	4
Larceny	6	Other	29
Burglar Alarms	53	Summons	19
Stolen Car/Plate	4	Warrants	4
Animals Calls	19	Assault & Battery	3
Domestic violence	30	Suicide attempt	1
Drug Related	4	Information calls	106
		Sexual Assault	1

Monies turned into Treasurer:

Court fines	$2920.00
Gun permits	392.00
Insurance reports	37.00

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Huntley
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1994 has been a growing year for the Fire Department as the annual Town Meeting voted funds to purchase a new tank truck and also approved the

building of an addition to the fire station. The addition was needed because the present building is not large enough for the larger tanker to get into. It has taken longer than we had planned to accomplish both of these projects, but, by the time you read this, we should have the truck completed and the building started. The truck is going to be a very attractive piece of equipment and one which should serve the town for many years. We feel that, by doing much of the work ourselves, we can have an excellent piece of equipment for a much lower price than some of our neighboring towns. The addition will also be very utilitarian, but we are making every effort to have it blend with the rest of the building and be attractive.

We had 34 truck runs in 1994 and the breakdown follows this report. In April we sponsored a 12 hour continuing education course at Hampshire Regional High School which was taught by the Massachusetts Fire Academy. Ten department members completed the course. All new members are required to attend the six day County Fire School when they join the department. Various training courses are always available around the area and many members attend these classes individually.

As has historically been our practice, we participated in many civic events and projects as well.

The most dramatic change came late in December when the Enhanced 911 system finally became implemented in our area. This followed three years of meetings, planning sessions and negotiations with different agencies before the Dispatch Center was finally set up in the Northampton State Police barracks. With the help of both the Girl and Boy Scouts, members of the department tried to personally visit every home with informational material. We hope that

everyone understands that to now call for any Fire, Police or Medical emergency, just dial 911. If there are people who still have questions, please let us know and we will talk to individuals or groups to explain how the new system works.

This year we accepted the resignations of Charles Burgess, Captain John Clark, Fred Trela, and Rick Hayes and voted into membership Christopher Norris, Christopher Brooks, Walter Marek, Matthew Montague and Kevin Barbieri. Special thanks to the retiring members for their years of service. John Bridgman was appointed Captain to fill John Clark's position.

The Medical Division of the Fire Department continues to be very active and their report also follows. Firefighters John Shaw and Mike Derouin have completed the E.M.T. course and have taken the State Exam. We expect to hear soon that they have become E.M.T.s.

Many thanks to all members for their dedication and time.

Total fire Department calls for 1994:

Structure fires	0
Chimney fires	2
Brush, gas or rubbish	8
Vehicle fire or accidents	6
In-service response	2
First Responder (medical)	8
Mutual Aid	4
Other	4
Burning permits issued	327
Smoke Detector Inspections	42

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Tracy, Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT

The EMT's responded to 31 of the 34 ambulance calls in Westhampton this year with the breakdown of runs as follows:

medical emergencies	17
motor vehicle accidents	7
other trauma	7
cardiac arrest	1
psychiatric emergencies	2
	34

Deb Morin and Robert Miller successfully completed a 2 day Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course held in Northampton. Deb Morin and first-responder Chief Bill Tracy successfully completed training in the use of the semi-automatic defibrillator.

Lee Douchkoff, Bob Miller, Ned Huntley and Breda Huntley satisfied the EMT recertification requirements of the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services. Each is certified through 1996. Additionally, Douchkoff, Miller, N. Huntley and first responder Chief Tracy recertified in the use of the semi-automatic defibrillator for the year 1995. Breda Huntley chose not to complete the recertification requirements. We thank Breda for her past service and hope she will be able to return when the children are grown.

Eight C.P.R. course have been run at the Elementary School building and 80 people have either recertified or have become certified through these courses. That is a great record for a small town. Let's see if we can keep it going or even increase the number.

Westhampton E.M.S.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

January of 1994 was real winter, and so was February; the kind of winter weather the old timers always tell us about. The third week of January brought us a combination snow, ice and rain storm followed by frigid temperatures and we were left with a serious ice pack on all roads. This was partially caused by, and certainly complicated by, the fact that our salt supplier had run out of salt. We went one and one half weeks without any salt. It was not a good situation and the only consolation was that all other towns were in the same condition. Salt we were able to get cost us considerably more money and with over 100 inches of snow, we exceeded our budget by a large amount.

This year Westhampton had a large number of new homes and many of these were built on previously un-maintained portions of town roads. Consequently, the major portion of our time and effort was expended on these gravel roads - fifteen hundred feet of Laurel Hill Road between Edwards Road and Lyman Road, one half mile on Reservoir Road extension, and three quarter mile on the North end of Tob Road. The complication was that the State bond money never arrived until the end of August, so we had precious little time to get all this work done. Fortunately, the weather allowed us to at least get these roads into a condition suitable for winter plowing and we will complete the work in the spring.

At the annual meeting, it was voted to purchase a new loader-backhoe. We tried out machines from four manufacturers and finally decided the most machine for the money was a J.C.B. model 5. This is a four wheel drive machine with several additional options. So far it seems to be a very good machine which should

serve the town for many years. Also, the annual meeting voted to replace our 1981 snow plow. That has been accomplished and the town now has replaced two pieces of equipment which have served well for many years. This is a good investment of your tax dollars and these new machines are now able to serve for many more years.

Another concern which I need to discuss with you, is the need for a fourth employee for the Highway Department. In June of 1991, the Town Meeting voted to eliminate one position in the Highway Department, and starting July 1, 1991, we were cut from a four person department to a three person department. We understood then, and still understand, the need for financial constraints. However, although it is not dramatically obvious, we are very aware that many jobs are not getting done that need to be done and we are gradually falling behind on regular maintenance work, such as cleaning ditches, scraping shoulders, painting lines, maintaining buildings, etc. Also, the amount of time needed for administrative work never gets less. Filing reports, keeping records, attending meetings, and managing finances takes more and more of my time, and often leaves only Jim and David to do most of the physical work. Obviously, it costs money to hire an additional person. However, I am convinced that, in the long run, it is cheaper to keep things up to date than it is to get behind and have to keep responding to emergencies. I will submit a proposed budget which includes this fourth position and I hope everyone will give the request serious consideration.

Funding for highway work is always a struggle and never seems to work as smoothly as it is supposed to. This year is no different. Rather than try to explain the whole thing, I'll just say that I constantly work on this stuff and try to ensure the town receives the funding it is

entitled to.

I continue to realize that we are fortunate to have a Board of Selectmen who are involved, interested and fair, and also to have such able and faithful help as David Blakesley and Jim Omasta.

Thanks to All!

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report from January 1, 1994 to December 30, 1994.

Permits issued	109
New homes	25
Decks and porches	8
Wood stoves & chimney	5
Sheds	8
Pole barns	2
Greenhouse	1
Basement room	2
Additions,siding,window replacement,re-roofing	42
Renovations	37
Garages	6
Demolish permits	5
Swimming pools	5

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Pietraszkiewicz
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During 1994, 43 permits were issued by the Plumbing Inspector. 31 were plumbing permits and 12 were gaspiping permits. 19 of the plumbing permits were for new homes and 12 were for remodeling and additions.

A total of $2088.00 was collected for permit fees. Subtotals were as follows: $1813.00 for plumbing and $275.00 for gaspiping.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Pichette
Plumbing & Gas Piping Inspector

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

In 1994 there were 13 new systems for new houses and 6 repairs to old systems for a total of 19 inspections. The repairs included updating systems to today's standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillman G. Brooks
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Blacksmith Shop Museum was open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. from June through Columbus Day in October. Members of the Historical Commission and Friends

of the Museum served as hosts.

On July 16, the Chuckwagon Supper II was held at the Blacksmith Shop with 200 people in attendance. Members of the Commission helped serve and were hosts within the museum. Dan Krug's brother was the cook and it was enjoyed by all.

Jim Bridgman resigned from the Commission much to our regret. Our new member joined us in September and is Bev Derouin.

The Blacksmith Shop has a new addition - a bay mare sculpture to "pull" the town hearse, made by Michael Peters of Belchertown. It is very lifelike indeed.

Brochures, note paper, and postcards depicting the Blacksmith Shop are now available at the Blacksmith Shop during museum hours.

Members of the Commission hosted a table at the Community Tag Sale on August 20 to benefit the Museum. Members also had a table at the Arts Show at the Elementary School on October 30. Several items from the museum were on display as well as brochures and notepaper.

The Commission wishes to thank the community for its support and encouragement for the improvement of the museum and donations so we may preserve our town's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Montague
Kathy Jurkowski
Dan Krug
Ann Brastaad
Bev Derouin

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Westhampton Cultural Council was pleased to welcome to the Board: Ron Baer, Susan Harrison, and Robbie Merrington.

Westhampton's fiscal allocation for 1994 was $2000. At its October 1993 meeting, the Council voted to award grants to the following applicants: Davis Bates for "Down Home New England", songs for all ages; Friends of the Westhampton Library for the summer reading program; Westhampton Singing Society for a series of concerts; Westhampton Elementary School under a PASS Grant to view "Dinosaurs Alive" at the Holyoke Museum; Center for Community Education and Action, a multi-media theatre production and workshop exploring issues of identity, self-esteem and diversity presented for Hampshire Regional School students; Sevenars Concerts presented at the historic Academy of Worthington and finally, Westhampton's own Cultural Council.

Our grant allotment allowed us to once again spotlight the many talented and crafty individuals that live among us. "The Celebration of the Arts Day" held October 30 at the Elementary School proved to be very successful and well attended. We thank all of you who participated and who came out to support the arts in Westhampton.

The State Cultural Council now allocated grants just once a year. The Westhampton Cultural Council welcomes grant applications for fiscal year 1995. Applications must be submitted by October 14, 1995 to the chairman of the Council.

As always, community input is most welcomed. Any town resident interested in becoming a Council Member should contact the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla E. Stefannson, Chair
Joanne Brooks
Janet Babcock
Mary Montague
Ron Baer
Susan Harrison
Robbie Merrington

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Youth of Westhampton were very active in 1994, participating in baseball, basketball nd soccer in coordination with Southampton Youth athletics. Baseball, t-ball and basketball were played in Southampton with a mixture of Southampton and Westhampton kids. Westhampton Youth Soccer is still playing in youth leagues organized in Southampton, but is coached, sponsored and staffed by Westhampton residents. Approximately 75% of students at Westhampton elementary school participated.

Once again, adult volleyball is scheduled on Friday evenings during the H.R.H.S. school year. Times and dates are announced and posted in town.

Registration, user fees and donations have allowed these programs to exist and the recreation commission would like to extend a special thank you to all volunteers, sponsors, coaches and chaperons. Youth recreation exists and depends on you.

Pat Coffey, Chairman
Treasurer, Mark Thornhill
Secretary, Jim Prickett

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has had another very busy and productive year, with many town seniors taking part in the various events and activities planned in 1994.

Officers elected in June were Margaret Kelley, Chairman; Louise Marchand, vice-chairman and representative to Highland Valley Elder Services; Eleanor Miller, recording secretary; Lydia Omasta corresponding secretary; and Olga Hathaway, Treasurer. Other board members are Edward Montague, transportation dispatcher, and Mervyn Morse. Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at the church.

Regular luncheon meetings were held on the first Thursday of each month except August, with an average attendance of 35 - 40. Meals were taken to any homebound elder wishing this service. A program of informative or entertaining nature followed each luncheon. A nurse was available to take blood pressures. Birthday cards were signed by all present, to be sent to every senior celebrating their birthday that month.

In May we held our annual luncheon with the fourth graders as our guests. After the meal, the young people staged a very entertaining variety show. In July, about fifty of us enjoyed a picnic at Ed and Jean Alward's home on Pine Island Lake. In December, members of the Southampton COA were guests at our Christmas luncheon and a concert by the "Hilltones."

Three issues of the "COA Newsletter", containing updates of current activities and information of concern to elders, were mailed to

every town senior. We are greatly indebted to Edgar Alward for his time and the use of his equipment which makes this publication possible.

Our continuing contract with the Franklin Regional Transit Authority provides transportation free of charge on an individual "as needed" basis. Any senior citizen needing this service is urged to call Edward Montague.

The Hilltown Elder Network, known as "HEN" was unable to function in 1994 due to lack of funds. However, we were notified in December that grant money is now available and that this excellent service will be reactivated in 1995. "HEN" is administered locally with funding through the Highland Valley Elder Services, and provides free help with light housework, yardwork and other chores.

Our home repair program, formally sponsored by the Hilltown Consortium, has continued. Additional funds received this year from the state, and some monies from our own "friends" account have enabled us to keep this program active.

The annual flu clinic was held on November 10, with 73 immunizations given. Blood pressures were taken, and a free hearing clinic was conducted by David Frandken, audiologist.

Two successful fund raising events were held in 1994, allowing us to sponsor two bus trips, each attracting 35-40 seniors. The first, in June, was to the Norman Rockwell Museum, and the second, in October, was a foliage trip to the Quabbin.

The COA made arrangements with the 76th Division Army Training Band to present a concert on June 18 following the annual chicken barbecue.

This was an excellent concert, and an event we hope to repeat in 1995. We also sponsored a very enjoyable concert in August by "Yankee Notions." This latter event was funded through the Arts Lottery Council.

In April, a new exercise program for seniors was started at the Elementary School. Held three times weekly, it has continued all year. The meeting times have changed according to the preference of those attending, and the location was moved to the church during the winter months.

Also new this year was the board's decision to send get-well or friendship cards to all seniors who have been hospitalized, ill at home, or homebound for any reason. These cards are followed up by a phone call and/or a visit to ascertain if we can be of help in any way.

Lastly, we are all proud and excited that one of our members, Terri Derouin, entered the "Massachusetts Senior Sweetheart" contest and was named third runner-up. Congratulations, Terri!

We wish to thank the Hampshire Regional High School, the Westhampton Elementary School and the Westhampton Church for the use of their facilities. Many thanks also to the town officials and townspeople for their support. Last, but not least, a thank you to the senior citizens themselves, whose willing and enthusiastic response has made these programs possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kelley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of January 1, 1994 the Finance Committee was made up of:

Peter Ignatovich	1994
Margaret Parsons	1994
Janice Tracy, Chairperson	1994
Roy Van Driesche	1994
Bradford Morse,	1995
Benjamin Coggins	1995
Mark Thornhill	1995
Owen Bowman	1996
Laura Blakesley	1996
Lydia Omasta, Secretary	1996

At the elections in June Margaret Parsons, Roy Van Driesche, and Janice Tracy were reelected and the position vacated by Peter Ignatovich remains open. Janice Tracy was elected chairperson and Lydia Omasta Secretary.

The following Reserve Fund transfers were made in Fiscal 1994:

Well Account	$1325.00
Veterans	500.00
Treasurer Expense	500.00
Highway Salaries	125.00
	$2450.00

The Finance Committee met through the year to consider financial matters of the town and to make recommendations when necessary. Budget hearings were held in late winter and early spring so we could recommend a budget to the Town Meeting of May 14, 1994. Of particular concern again this year was the snow removal deficit. The severe winter of 1993-94 had overdrawn that account by $35,000. Another problem are was reflected in the increased assessment from the Hampshire Regional

School. In addition to the regular budget requests, special consideration was asked for the purchase of a snow plow, a backhoe, a fire tank truck and an addition to the fire station. After considering the requests in relation to the estimated revenues, it was our recommendation that the snow plow and summer school pay be taken from the Stabilization Fund. The backhoe, fire tank truck and fire station addition were recommended as proposition 2 1/2 overrides. All three of these questions received majority votes on the election ballot in June. Even with these items being identified with special funding sources, the budget we recommended to Town Meeting was in deficit. Subsequent town meetings in the other towns in the Hampshire Regional School District increased our assessment by $5,368. On June 20, 1994 adjustments were made to the budget to cover that change and town meeting was adjourned with a deficit of $9,700. At a special Town Meeting on September 19, 1994, $10,000 was transferred from Free Cash to balance the budget. At a special Town Meeting on November 7, 1994, $7,500 was transferred from Free Cash to supplement the previously voted $50,000 override, for the purchase and equipping of the tank truck for the Fire Department. Also voted was a transfer of $1500 from the Unemployment Account to Counsel Fees, and $2,500 from Unemployment to Interest on Temporary Loans.

As we enter the 1996 budget cycle, we hope that the State will uphold its promise to return more Lottery money to the towns so that we can appropriately fund the town's needs.

Janice Tracy, Chairperson
Lydia Omasta, Secretary

Owen Bowman	Mark Thornhill
Laura Blakesley	Roy Van Driesche
David J. Brown	Bradford Morse

Margaret Parsons

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Again in 1994, the circulation of books and other related materials increased substantially. An overall increase of 17.5% with the Juvenile leading the way. This year juvenile took 57.5% of the 17532 items circulated.

The continued financial support of the town, has kept the library qualified in the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. This means local residents can borrow books from other libraries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Bookmobile comes bi-monthly, and interlibrary loans are available to all residents.

The Preschool Story Hour continues under the excellent direction of Betsy Koziol. The summer program also continued with many children taking part.

The Director, Lyn Keating, has completed all required courses to become a Certified Sub Professional Librarian. She has continued to take courses this year, mainly to do with computers.

The hours of the library were changed as Wednesday had become a very cumbersome day with Story hour in the morning and books going in and out all day. The new hours are Monday and Thursday 2 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m. the Trustees and Director have found that these hours are working better.

The Trustees have been wrestling about whether to proceed or not with a five year plan for the Library. This will take a good deal of the Director's time, meaning that either volunteers take over some of her work at the Library or the Trustees will have to hire someone. As the Trustees have been trying o keep costs

within the framework of Prop 2 1/2, the latter is not something they want to do. If the Library had a Five Year Plan, it would become eligible for some of the grants that are available.

The Friends of the Library have put together another updated Telephone book for the Town of Westhampton. These books are available at the library at a cost of $4.00 each.

The Trustees also had some work done to the Library and its grounds. The steps to the front door were re-cemented. The railing was cemented into the ground. And the long awaited Red Oak tree was planted at the side of the building. They are working on getting better lighting in the children's department.

We thank all of the residents who volunteered their time and resources to help make the Library run smoothly. We appreciated all that our Director, Lyn Keating, and children's librarian, Betsy Koziol, have done in the Library.

As Trustees we welcome your suggestions and comments. The Library belongs to all of us residents, so come and enjoy the privilege we have.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty-Anne Gould
Secretary of the Board
of Trustees

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994

TOWN ACCOUNT

Income July 1,1993 - June 30, 1994	
Town Appropriation	10844.75
Dog Refund	559.25
Voted-Town Appropriation	11404.00
Additional funds & credit	100.85
	11504.85
LIG	1250.00
MEG	546.00
Additional MEG	43.71
	1839.71
Total Library Budget	13344.56
Expenditures July 1, 1993- June 30 ,1994	
Books	2092.24
Magazines	269.47
Supplies	145.81
Director	7364.00
Children's Librarian	1925.00
Sub Librarian	102.00
Fuel	189.45
Telephone	117.54
Electric	507.05
Maintenance	617.00
Computer	-
Dues/Meetings	15.00
Repairs	-
Total Expenditures	13344.56

Westhampton Memorial Library 1993-1994

Trustee's Account

Balance June 30, 1993	
Easthampton Savings 01-21-5326	4876.54
Easthampton Savings Term Certificate	10165.37
Florence NOW Account	965.39
Florence Savings - special acct.	680.91

Worm Money Market		7071.17
H.P. Miller Money Market		12080.69
Balance July 1, 1992		35840.07
Income - per cash book July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994		
Copy Machine	5.00	
Video Account	-	
Misc books	107.65	
Rotary	300.00	
Dr. R.Caldwell	35.00	
Magazine Gift	25.00	
Combustion Engineering	104.00	
Friends Summer Program	200.00	
Memorial Gifts-M. Lynes	25.00	
Memorial Gifts-E. Tracy	500.00	
Income	1301.65	
J. Averill - tree	250.00	
	1551.65	
Interest		
H. P. Miller Account	302.50	
Florence NOW Account	15.44	
Florence Special Account	18.00	
Easthampton Term Cert.	270.72	
Easthampton Money Market	101.60	
Worm-Money Market Acct.	406.12	
Interest	1114.38	
Total Income-Balance forward		35840.07
Income		1551.65
Interest		1114.38
		38506.10
Expenditures		
Magazines	207.66	
Books	1368.75	
Supplies	72.74	
Video	-	
Maintenance	629.76	
Summer Program	175.00	
Meetings/Dues	100.95	
Repairs	-	
Telephone	116.91	
Electric	456.81	

Fuel	435.08
Misc. Gifts	335.35
Security-HPM account	880.00
Tree-gift	325.00
Total Expenditures	5104.10
Balance June 30, 1994	33402.00

Cash Book Balance June 30, 1994	
Easthampton Savings Cert.	10468.56
Easthampton Sav. Money Mkt.	1421.14
Florence Savings NOW	2003.96
Florence Savings Special acct.	698.91
Worm - Money Market	7261.24
H. P. Miller Money Market	11548.19
Balance Cash Book	33402.00

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Special Memorial - Adah Green etc.	
Balance in Florence account	419.62
Interest July 1 thru June 30	11.10
Balance June 30, 1994	430.72

With donations, we replaced a tree with a red oak. The H.P. Miller funds were used to install and maintain a security system. We are depleting our money market or regular funds rapidly by off-sets needed to keep our library maintained and stafted. We would like to see more donations and gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Miller
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Committee officers this year are: Robert Fleischner - Chairman, Regional Representative and Administrative Advisory Representative; JaiMarla Prickett, Vice chairman and H.E.C. Representative; Michele Nevins - Secretary, H.M.A.C. Representative

After serving for eleven years on the Westhampton Elementary School Committee, Chairman Thomas Mr. Cleary decided not to seek re-election in 1994. The Committee will miss Dr. Cleary's fine leadership skills and in honor of his years of dedicated service to Westhampton, the Dr. Thomas M. Cleary Volunteer Appreciation Award has been established. The Committee is pleased to announce the first award was presented to Mrs. Lydia Omasta, who continues to be a familiar face in our school even though she "retired" several years ago.

In March 1994, the Committee voted to adopt an Elementary School budget of $592,596 and a vocational budget of $87,720. Annual Town Meeting in May approved these budget figures. The Committee also voted not to participate in School Choice for FY95 because of our inability to accommodate additional students at this time. Because Westhampton is growing rapidly, the Committee continues to discuss how to project and responds to increased student enrollment.

Effective August 31, 1994, Superintendent Richard E. Dragon's application for early retirement was accepted by the Massachusetts Retirement Board. After 26 years of serving the Hampshire Regional School District, Mr. Dragon's accomplishments are too numerous to mention and the Committee accepted his early retirement with sincere appreciation and deep regret. After a search that brought applications from all over the country and even one from abroad, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. William G. Erickson was hired as the new Superintendent for the Hampshire Regional School

District. We look forward to working with Dr. Erickson in his new capacity. The search is now underway to find a new Assistant Superintendent.

There were many other staff changes over the past year. Early childhood teacher Sharon Lepine, preschool speech & language teacher Sue Carlson, teacher aide Lucia Browne and school nurse Donna Brown, all resigned. Kathy Swiderski filled the position as school nurse until June and Cynthia Dourmashkin was hired in September as the new nurse. The Committee also accepted with regret the resignation of second grade teacher Jill B. Lester. Jan Skoglund, who was hired to replace Mrs. Lester when she took a leave of absence, continued as second grade teacher. Additional new staff members are as follows:

Rebecca Laurin, kindergarten aide
Cynthia Boyle, general aide
Amy Pilger, preschool speech & language teacher
Paul Kaplan, music teacher
Anne Deppe, first grade SPED aide
Deborah Cimineri, receptionist

September brought one other staff change. Pat Miller, who had previously taught kindergarten, began teaching second grade and second grade teacher, Jan Skoglund has taken over the kindergarten class.

The School Committee continues to work to comply with Education Reform. A School Council has been established and the Council presented a School Improvement Plan to the Committee, which the Committee approved in September.

The Westhampton Elementary School continues to be a meeting place for many community and sports groups. The playing fields have been used for baseball, softball and soccer. Also using school facilities are the Westhampton EMTs, the Council on Aging, Girl Scouts, 4-H and many others.

The School Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and community

volunteers that help in so many years over the course of the school year, and to our dedicated staff of teachers, to whom we entrust our children. We deeply appreciate the many contributions of the P.T.O. The money they have raised goes to support field trips and Fun Day in June. They also give each teacher an annual stipend to supplement classroom supplies and purchase the dictionaries that are given to each 6th grader at graduation.

Regular meetings of the Westhampton School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30p.m. in the Planning Room at the Westhampton Elementary School. Anyone having questions or concerns regarding school matters is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fleischner
Jai Prickett
Michele Nevins

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Of the many changes affecting the schools during 1994, none is so significant as the retirement of Richard E. Dragon, who first came to our district as Assistant Superintendent in 1968, and in 1983 became Superintendent of Schools. During his tenure, Mr. Dragon was responsible for countless educational improvements in regular and special education, the construction of both the Hampshire Regional High School and Westhampton Elementary School, the renovation of the

Helen E. James School in Williamsburg, and groundbreaking for the William E. Norris School renovation. Also during these years, he assisted the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen unite to form an elementary regional district. On September 1, 1994, Mr. Dragon retired, after devoting 26 years of competent leadership on behalf of our students and teachers.

With the advent of Education Reform legislation in 1993, our schools have been expected to take on many tasks related to school improvement, including strengthening and connecting our curriculum, bring technology into daily instruction, providing the support and resources our teachers need to teach well, and improving our financial stability. We view these important challenges as opportunities, not obstacles.

We have established the following goals for this year:

a. Bring about consistency and articulation for curriculum across grades and among schools;

b. Create positive ways for parents and community members to engage with the schools;

c. Strengthen and empower principals in the spirit of Education Reform and site-based governance;

d. Build confidence in the good work of our schools by demonstrating and publicizing what we do well;

e. Build and bring about integrated use of technology in teaching and learning;

f. Work to equalize opportunities for children by upgrading physical facilities;

g. Fight for fairer funding of regional school districts as compared with single-town districts in the state.

These goals guide our daily work and provide a focus for everything done by school committees, principals, teachers and the support staff.

Among examples of the different and exciting projects in the works or underway around the five towns:

- While doing their best to cope with inadequate facilities, a new elementary school facility is a major

hope for students and teachers in the Chesterfield-Goshen Regional district.

- The Curriculum Improvement Council at Hampshire Regional has tackled the school's course descriptions and is preparing for a New England Association of Secondary Schools accreditation team visit during the 1995-96 school year.
- A 24-classroom addition to the William E. Norris School in Southampton will be finished on schedule, and all 500 students from grades K-6 will be taught in the new building in the fall of 1995. Holding classes amidst debris and renovation during 1994-95 has been a learning experience for students.
- Gradual growth in Westhampton has been a topic of concern for future planning, where we are discussing the possibilities of how best to accommodate more than one class in some grades.
- For the first time ever, Williamsburg is offering space to out-of-town residents as a "of choice" school, and there has been much work done to share resources and collaborate with Hilltown Charter School opening in the fall of 1995, while seeking constructive ways to minimize its financial impact on the local school program.

Designing school based professional improvement and meaningful curriculum, capitalizing on technology, changing governance through councils and site-based management, and improving parent-school communication have become the most important tasks in today's schools. We are extremely fortunate to have highly motivated teachers, a loyal and talented support staff, and some very resourceful, actively involved residents in the five towns who together will make a tremendous difference in the lives of our children and youth.

William G. Erickson
Superintendent

GRADE	1992	1993	1994
Pre School	12	2	2
Kindergarten	21	26	27
Grade 1	23	22	24
Grade 2	26	23	23
Grade 3	17	26	25
Grade 4	22	17	25
Grade 5	20	24	15
Grade 6	15	21	25
TOTAL FOR WESTHAMPTON SCHOOLS	156	161	166
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	12	10	10
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL	105	99	106
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	273	270	282

Personnel newly employed during 1994 include:

Cynthia Boyle	Aide
Debbie Ciminari	Office Aide
Cindy Dourmashkin	Nurse
Jenniter Johnson	Preschool Aide
Rebecca Laurin	Aide
Amy Pilger	Speech & Language Pathologist
Anne Deppe	Sped Aide

Personnel who left during 1994:

Sharon Lepine	Preschool

WESTHAMPTON FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1993 -June 30, 1994

Elementary Appropriations	$474,600.00
Special Town Meeting 9/93	47,893.00
93-94 Encumbrances	905.52
	7,000.00
	$530,398.52
Expended Elementary Appropriations	$522,821.34
Expended 91-92 Encumbrances	905.52
93-94 Encumbrances	932.76
	$524,659.62
Balance	$ 5,738.90

VOCATIONAL

Vocational Appropriations		89,093.00
Reduced 1/94 Special Town Meeting		12,000.00
		77,093.00
Expended Transportation	14,612.40	
Expended Tuition	62,480.60	
Total Expenditures		77,093.00
Balance		0

CHAPTER I

Receipts	5,417.00
Expenditures	5,417.00
Balance	-0-

EXPENDITURES
Administration

Professional Salaries	$15,884.44	
Clerical Salaries	6,986.62	
Insurance	2,072.23	
H.E.C.	1.075.00	
Sch. Comm. Expense	1,422.71	
		27,441.00

Special Education

Professional Salaries	$ 5,209.10	
Clerical Salaries	1,959.10	
Teachers' Salaries	56,218.07	
Aides	17,094.76	
Classroom Supplies	509.11	
Textbooks	284.97	
Evaluations	7,258.75	
Transportation	3,397.16	
Tuition	3,950.00	
Other Expense	150.00	
		$96,031.02

Instruction

Salaries	$305,530.20	
Classroom Supplies	8,211.04	
Textbooks	6,070.45	$319,811.69

Other Expenses

Library Books	$ 412.27	
Audio Visual Aids	504.68	
Health Services	2,410.95	
Transportation	35,893.80	
Cafeteria	7,299.95	
Equipment	1,996.00	
Other Expense	542.95	$49,060.60

Maintenance

Salaries	$ 9,343.37	
Supplies	1,172.72	
Fuel	3,793.69	
Utilities	9,889.23	
Maintenance	5,619.21	
Maintenance of Equipment	658.81	$ 30,477.03
		$522,821.34
93-94 Encumbrances		932.76
Total Elementary Expenditures		$523,754.10

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

During the previous year, the School Committee dealt with two major issues. The first is the retirement of our long term, highly respected Superintendent, Richard E. Dragon, and the subsequent search and hiring of our present Superintendent, Dr. William E. Erickson. This process took many months and required the search committee to consider carefully the needs of our school, and the whole district. We deeply regret Mr. Dragon's retirement, but in accepting it, wish him well, and happy in his new activities. We look forward to working with Bill Erickson, and are interested in his educational outlook and goals.

The second issue is one of serious ramifications for the students of Hampshire Regional and ultimately for our five towns. The budgetary situation is disastrous. As the school population grows, our needs have grown, but the financial backing to support those needs is not keeping step. We have larger class sizes than ever before; we are very inadequately supplied in the classroom; we have demands from the computerized world of the 1990s which we must meet, and which we can not presently meet. The budget the school is running on for the 1994-95 school year is one half a million dollars less than needed. The budget request for the 1995-96 year incorporates the needs of sixty more students, and is highly increased.

The state has all but abandoned school districts which spent at a moderate level. What happens to your school is now up to the local voter. Unlike other years' reports, this is a simple plea to you, as a citizen of these towns, to take heed to increased population, and the increased need at the school, and

to inform yourselves about the seriousness facing Hampshire Regional students. Thank you.

Respecttully submitted,

Hampshire Regional School Committee

The student enrollment tigures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1994 were as follows:

Grade	Chest	Gosh	South	West	Will	Total
7	17	8	73	20	24	142
8	23	15	75	17	34	164
9	10	9	66	19	26	130
10	15	6	53	21	11	106
11	10	3	65	12	23	113
12	7	7	43	17	29	103
HRHS	82	48	375	106	147	758

The following assessment percentages are listed for several years in order to illustrate the shifting of student population:

	990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Chest	12.214%	11.539%	10.802	10.429	10.395	10.511
Gosh	6.260	6.769	6.327	6.442	6.397	6.379
South	45.733	44.615	47.531	47.929	48.426	48.713
West	15.878	15.231	16.821	16.411	15.642	15.187
Will	20.195	21.846	18.519	18.788	19.140	19.210

Personnel newly employed during 1994 include:

Amy Burton	English/Drama
Euthecia Hancewicz	Math

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1994 include:

Richard E. Dragon	Superintendent
John Mankowski	Math
Bette McGill	Reading

Based upon enrollment data, including preschool special ecucation and vocational school students, recorded as of each October 1st, the six (6) cooperating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three(3) year period:

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Chesterfield/ Goshen K-6	13.4	12.5	11.2
Southampton K-6	26.8	26.9	26.7
Westhampton K-6	9.1	9.5	9.4
Williamsburg K-6	12.8	12.5	12.2
HRHS 7-12	37.9	38.7	40.5
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

TREASURER'S REPORT
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1994

I
BALANCE SHEET

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	$415283.54	Blue Cross Insurance	$4311.36
Administrative-payroll	6025.32	Blu Care	848.72
Southampton Deferral	32058.00	Life Insurance	113.32
Westhampton Deferral	10944.00	CHP	76.48
Williamsburg Deferral	15698.00	Kaiser	610.07
Athletic Fund	5565.78	HMO Blue	1093.67
Academic Fund	28.40	HNE	93.84
Drug Free Grant	1354.01	Mutual-Omaha	918.32
		Surplus Revenue-E&D	56111.72
		SSAP Grant	559.38
		PL94-142	3033.47
		Sprig	5933.03
		Drug Free	902.26
		Mass Safe	1370.59
		HPP Pre Sch	20.22
		Early Child II	211.96
		Health Protect	8757.91
		Palms	755.59
		PL89-313	1061.56
		Family Involvmt	1052.42
		Early Child Q	1096.78
		Comm EZ	8410.00
		Roof Proj	208.89
		Comm of Mass	3483.77
		Temporary Loan	300000.00
		Cafeteria	26327.90
		L & D Texts	1205.44
		Prof. Develpm't	177.50
		Library Books	200.00

		Energy Mgmt.Fund	454.30
		2000 Instruction-934	54288.01
		3000 Other Services	3269.56
	$486958.04		$486958.04

II

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Account	Budgeted 7/1/93-6/30/94	Expended 7/1/93-6/30/94	Encumbered Payroll & Bills	Balance 6/30/94
Administration	145090.00	144374.80		715.20
Instruction	2486126.00	2475805.66	54288.01	(43967.67)
Other School Services	377084.00	364926.58	3269.56	8887.86
Operation of Plant	315850.00	314579.82		1270.18
Fixed Charges	457880.55		26515.45	26515.45
New Equipment	28324.00	23583.13		4740.87
Debt	22080.00	22080.00		0
Prog/other districts	172871.00	182314.08		(9443.08)
	4031821.00	3985544.62	57557.57	(11281.19)

III

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1993			118514.52
Receipts			
Assessment Revenue			
Chesterfield	235333.00		
Goshen	159591.00		
Southampton	1224927.00		
Westhampton	385114.00		
Williamsburg	467154.00		
		2472119.00	

Interest Earned		7756.72
State & Federal Payments & Private Grants		
Ch. 70 School Aid	1291667.00	
Regular Transportation	221156.00	
Sped Transportation	10852.00	
PL94-142	72535.00	
Governors Alliance	2216.80	
PL 89-313	20475.00	
Palm	2600.00	
Sprig	22500.00	
Pre-school & Parents HPP6	10115.00	
DF Schools	7769.00	
Chap 2	4745.00	
Summer Program	6401.66	
HPG	79665.00	
HADAPP	412.00	
Mass Safety	2000.00	
Family Involv.	5000.00	
ECQN III	2000.00	
COMM EZ	8410.00	
	--------	1770519.46
Cafeteria Revolving Fund		
Lunch Receipts	121981.08	
State Reimbursements	2431.24	
Federal Reimbursements	10936.44	
Meals Tax	266.90	
	--------	135615.66
Other Revolving Funds		
Athletic Fund	7710.69	
Admin. Revolv. Fund	08533.32	
Lost & Damaged Texts	1285.31	
Academic Fund	845.00	
Prof Development	135.00	
Field Trip	125.00	
Library Books	200.00	
	-------	218834.32

Temporary Loan		500000.00
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Tax	334269.27	
State Withholding Tax	163599.33	
Hampshire County Retirement	38857.84	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	153019.09	
Annuities	103330.16	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	53252.16	
Kaiser	8431.69	
Community Health	1353.00	
Life Insurance	1177.64	
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	10791.00	
United Way	854.00	
MTA. Dues	20516.60	
MMC Tax	14388.09	
Social Security	5467.42	
HMO Blue	29013.20	
Blue Care	8532.24	
Health N.E.	3087.60	
Mutual-Omaha	6595.50	
	-------	956535.83
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Deferral	19568.00	
Copies/Records	430.10	
Transcripts	39.30	
Pay Telephone	77.87	
Building Use	43.00	
Refunds	7921.68	
Misc. Receipt	989.00	
Health Ins	31216.00	
	----------	60289.95
Total Receipts		6121670.94
Total Balance & Receipts		6240185.46
Disbursements		

Employee Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Tax	334269.77	
State Withholding Tax	163599.33	
Hampshire County Retirement	38857.84	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	53019.09	
Annuities	103330.16	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	52737.71	
Kaiser	8290.82	
Community Health	1348.96	
Aetna Insurance	1169.53	
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	10791.00	
United Way	854.00	
MTA Dues	20516.60	
MMC Tax	14388.09	
HMO Blue	29213.80	
Social Security	5467.42	
Blu Care	8899.12	
Health N.E.	2993.76	
Mutual-Omaha	6532.38	
	-------	956278.88
Payments from Grants		
PL94-142	77447.73	
PL89-313	19413.44	
DDE	25.00	
Summer Program	6667.47	
Sprig	21590.97	
Chapter 2	4867.04	
Palms	4444.41	
Early Child Q	8880.37	
Health Protection	70907.09	
Drug Free	9109.96	
HADAPP	412.00	
Pre Schooler & Parents	11585.40	
Mass Safety	629.41	
Family Invol.	3947.58	
Gov. Alliance	1354.01	
	------	241281.88
Temporary Loan Payment		200000.00

Payments from Revolving Funds		
Cafeteria	119886.40	
Lost & Damaged Texts	867.70	
Adm Revolving	206025.96	
Prof Dev	147.50	
Field Trips	425.00	
Athletic Fund	15607.89	
Energy Mgm't	9639.51	
Academic Fund	1202.70	
Postage Fund	25.00	
Insurance	1632.77	
	---------	355460.43
Meals Tax		266.90
Operating Costs		
#1000 Administration	144374.80	
#2000 Instruction	2549619.00	
#3000 Other Services	368524.46	
#4000 Maintenance	323231.82	
#5000 Fixed Charges	457880.55	
#7000 Equipment	23583.13	
#8000 Long Term Debt	22085.00	
#9000 Other School Services	182314.08	
	---------	4071612.84
Total Disbursements		5824900.93
Cash on Hand June 30, 1994		414284.53
Total Disbursement & Cash - June 30, 1994		6240185.46

IV

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE

General Fund Surplus

Surplus Revenue-Excess & Deficiency	
Opening Balance July 1, 1993	55027.38
Transferred Revenue Income	12365.53
Transferred from Budget Deficit	(11281.19)
Closing Balance June 30, 1994	56111.72

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Budget Plan 1994/95	
Use $56000 to offset budget reductions	(56000.00)
Forecasted E & D Balance	111.72

James R. Freebourn, Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 1996

Description	Actual Fiscal 1995	Proposed Fiscal 1996
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
COUNSEL FEES	3000.00	8000.00
MODERATOR	150.00	150.00
SELECTMEN SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3000.00	3400.00
SELECTMEN SECRETARY	2500.00	2500.00
AUDITOR SALARY	90.00	90.00
ACCTING OFF. SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
ACCTING OFF. EXPENSE	630.00	800.00
ASSESSOR SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
ASSESSOR EXPENSE	4500.00	8875.00
ASSESSOR SECRETARY	950.00	950.00
TREASURER SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	2835.00	3000.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	1650.00	5000.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENS	3400.00	3200.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	3000.00	3000.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	1670.00	2200.00
CLERK,BD REGISTRARS	60.00	60.00
CONSERVATION COMMISS	850.00	850.00
PLANNING BD EXPENSE	1000.00	200.00
HIGHWAYS		
HIWAY ADMINISTRATION	2350.00	2100.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	76500.00	99860.00
HOLIDAY PAY	2096.00	3106.00
VACATION PAY	2390.00	2470.00
BRIDGES & RAILINGS	500.00	500.00
HIGHWAY MATERIALS	50000.00	50000.00
ROAD MACHINERY	16000.00	16000.00
ROAD MACHINERY FUEL	8750.00	8750.00
SNOW REMOVAL	28000.00	30000.00
ROAD MACHINERY BLDGS	2800.00	4600.00
SNOW PLOW	6000.00	0.00
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES		
HRHS (ARTICLE)	390482.00	591711.00
SCHOOL SUMMER PAY	3648.00	3648.00
VOCATIONAL(ARTICLE)	82120.00	96240.00
ELEMENTARY SCHL(ART)	574150.00	619283.00
SCHOOL COMM SALARY	480.00	480.00
LIBRARY	11595.04	13595.40
VETERANS		
VETERANS EXPENSE	3250.00	100.00
VETERANS AGENT SALAR	550.00	550.00
MEMORIAL DAY	100.00	100.00

CEMETERIES		
CEMETERY SALARY	2000.00	2200.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
POLICE DEPARTMENT	21000.00	25000.00
CONSTABLE	1.00	1.00
FIRE CHIEF	825.00	825.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	8550.00	8550.00
INSPECTOR SALARY	4800.00	5800.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	1.00	1.00
DOG OFFICER	1.00	1.00
HEALTH & SANITATION		
HRMC (ARTICLE)	4512.00	4648.00
BD. OF HEALTH SALARY	900.00	900.00
BD. HEALTH EXPENSE	12600.00	14730.00
LANDFILL CAP (ART)	7750.00	14500.00
DEBT & INTEREST		
INT SHORT TERM DEBT	2500.00	2500.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
INSURANCE & BONDS	32900.00	31000.00
TOWN OFFICES	11970.00	11700.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	815.00	815.00
RECREATION	100.00	400.00
HISTORICAL	200.00	200.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	23103.00	26780.00
UNEMPLOYMENT(ART)	5200.00	5800.00
GROUP INSURANCE	62000.00	73500.00
MEDICARE	3500.00	4500.00
LAND DAMAGE	1.00	1500.00
RESERVE FUND	2500.00	5000.00
	1515175.04	1842619.40
NON-APPROPRIATION		
EST. SNOW REMOVAL DEFICIT	31707.08	4000.00
OVERLAY	21606.41	21500.00
BUDGET WITHIN LEVY LIMIT	1568488.53	1868119.40
DEBT	424288.50	449650.00
ARTICLES		
BACKHOE	60000.00	0.00
FIRE TANK TRUCK	50000.00	0.00
FIRE STAT. ADDITION	35000.00	0.00
AUDIT	0.00	8000.00
FIRE RADIOS	0.00	2200.00

SALARIES

Fiscal 1995

All figures are annual unless otherwise noted.

Elected Officials		
Board of Selectmen	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Assessors	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Health	Each	300
Town Clerk		3000
Clerk, Bd. Registrars		60
Tax Collector		1650 plus fees
Treasurer		5000
Auditor		90
Moderator		150
School Committee	Chairman	180
	Others	150
Appointed Officials		
Accounting Officer		5000
Veterans Agent		550
Selectmen's Secretary		2500
Assessor's Secretary		905
Building Inspector		3000
Wiring Inspector		15/inspection
Plumbing Inspector		15/inspection
Sanitation Inspector		15/inspection
Election workers		3.75/hour
Highway Department		
Grade 1A		12.13
Grade 2		11.68/hour
Superintendent		30888
Landfill		
Caretaker		7.00/hour
Operator		10.78/hour
Library		
Director		7.35/hour
Children's Librarian		5.50/hour
Town Hall		
Custodian		60.00/month
Police Chief		10.00/hr.
Officers-Regular		6-9/hour
Court		12.00/hour
Fire Chief		825
Cemetery Caretaker		2000

ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 1995

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L. which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal 1996, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District, provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of money be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's assessment for the Hampshire Regional School District 1991/92 teacher salary deferral, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Vocational expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds due to the town though the second half of the Transportation Bond Issue, Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Westhampton's share of expenses of continued participation in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for radios for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for a financial audit of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will hear the report of the Space Needs Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by changing the wording of Article 4 The Board of Selectmen, Section 5 Power of Appointment, Subsection 4-5-2 (c) to read "a Conservation Commission of seven members" instead of "a Conservation Commission of five members", or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

NOTE: This is a preliminary list of the articles for Annual Town meeting; it is subject to change and/or additions. The complete warrant will be posted at least seven days before the Annual Meeting, May 13th.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.